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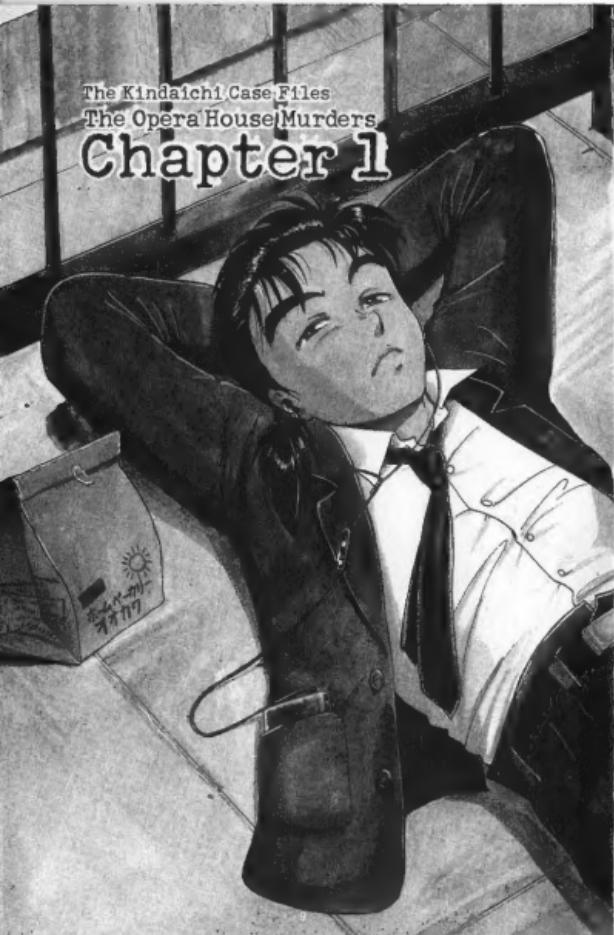
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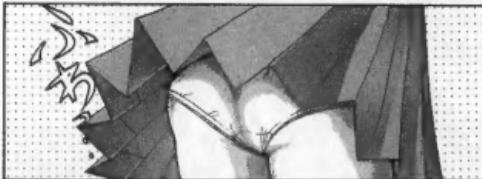


SO THAT IS WHERE YOU WERE, KINOSHITAI! CAUSING TROUBLE AGAIN!





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HAJIME-KUN
IS RELATED TO
KOUJIKE KINDAICHI,
THE FAMOUS
DETECTIVE!



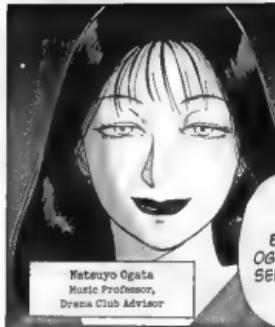
YOU
TWO
DON'T
KNOW?



So the nine
members of
the Drama
club were
soon off to
our annual
training
camp.

In Japan, every
year a National
High School
Drama Contest
is held...

I JUST FEEL
THAT HE HAS
“SOMETHING”
THAT NONE
OF THE OTHER
STUDENTS
HAVE



HIS TEST SCORES
ARE HORRIBLE.
HE IS TERRIBLE
IN SPORTS.

YOU NEVER
KNOW WHAT
KIND OF MESS
HE'LL MAKE...











OOPS, I'M SORRY



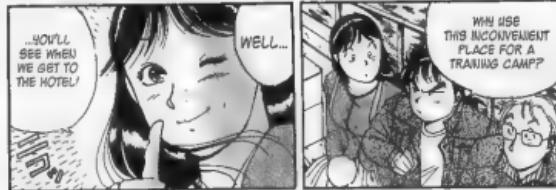
HEY,
THAT WAS
REALLY
GOOD!



Orie Hidaka
11th grade



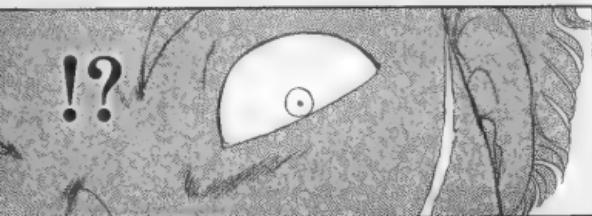






WELCOME
TO THE
OPERA
HOUSE
HOTEL!

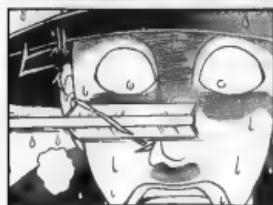




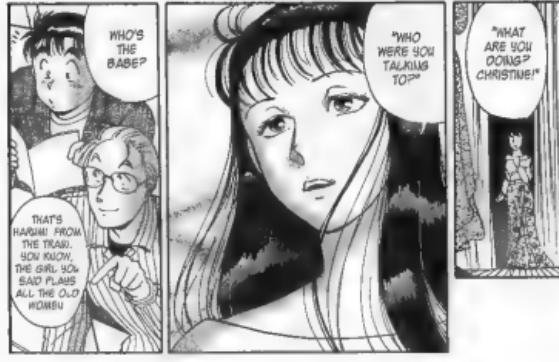




SO HE IS
GOOD AT
MAKING
REAL-
LOOKING
PROPS!









GOD,
I CAN'T
TAKE THIS!!!



HUH?

SHE
LOOKS SO
DIFFERENT!

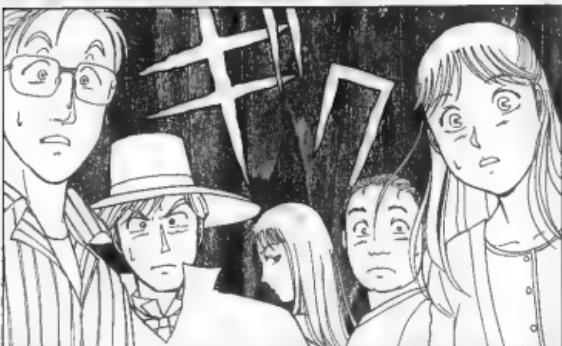
THAT'S
HER?!



THERE IS NO
ONE THAT
CAN EVEN
GET CLOSE
TO COMPETING
WITH HER WHEN
IT COMES TO
ACTING

SEE? I TOLD
YOU SHE WAS A
GOOD ACTRESS.



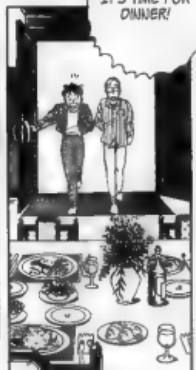






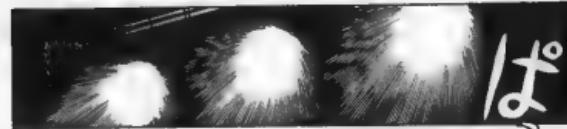






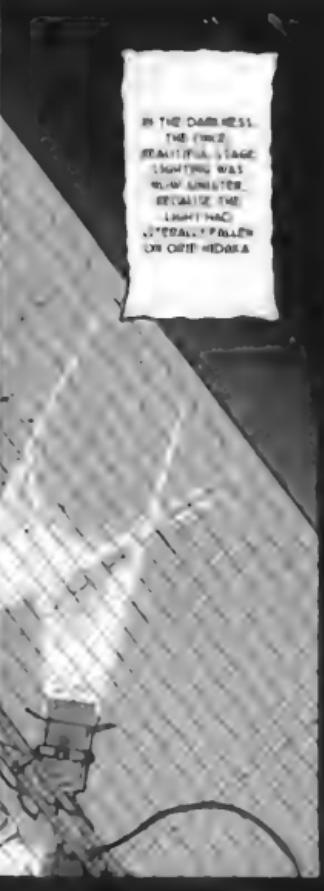








EACH LIGHT RIG
WEIGHTED A COUPLE
HUNDRED POUNDS--
AND NOW ONE LAY
AGAINST ODEE'S
SKINNY BODY. IT HAD
CRUSHED HER.



IN THE DARKNESS,
THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT'S
LIGHTING WAS
OUT OF ORDER.
RECALLS THE
LIGHT THAT
STILL FELL
ON ODEE HEDEKA







GET A
HOLD OF
OURSELVES

I CAN'T
BELIEVE...
ORIE...

!?



THE OLD WIRE UP
THERE PROBABLY
GOT LOOSE,
CAUSIN' THE
RIG TO FALL...

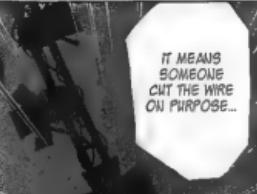
YOU'RE
WRONG!!

Isamu Kenmochi
Homicide Detective

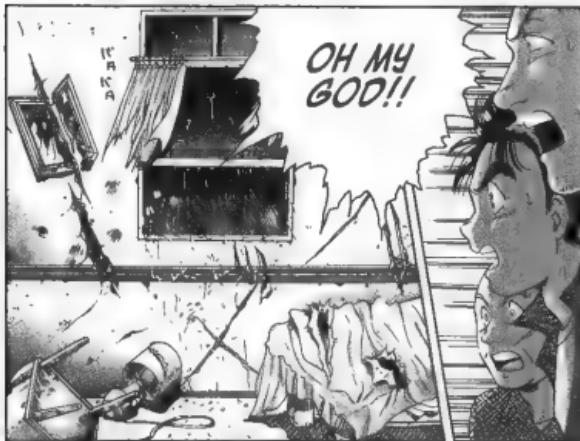


BROKEN RIBS
PUNCTURED
MANY OF
HER VITAL
ORGANS, AS
WELL.















...AND IT
SOUNDED LIKE
EVIL LAUGHTER,
COMING FROM
OUR VERY OWN
PHANTOM!



THE THUNDER
AND LIGHTNING
STARTED UP...



FACE IT,
WE'RE STUCK
UNTIL THIS
STORM IS
GONE.



STUCK ON
AN ISLAND
WITH ONE
KAGETSU.



HOW DO
WE FIND
HIM?

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THE OPERA HOUSE
HOTEL, AN OLD
MANSION ON AN
ISOLATED
ISLAND.

MY CHILDHOOD
FRIEND, MIYUKI
NANASE, BEGGED ME
TO COME ALONG
WITH THE NINE
MEMBERS OF
THE DRAMA
CLUB TO...

MY NAME IS
HAJIME
KINDAIICHI,
11TH GRADE,
FUDO
PRIVATE HIGH
SCHOOL.



THEY WERE
SUPPOSED TO
BE HAVING FUN
AT DRAMA
CAMP, BUT THEY
WERE QUIETLY
SADDENED...



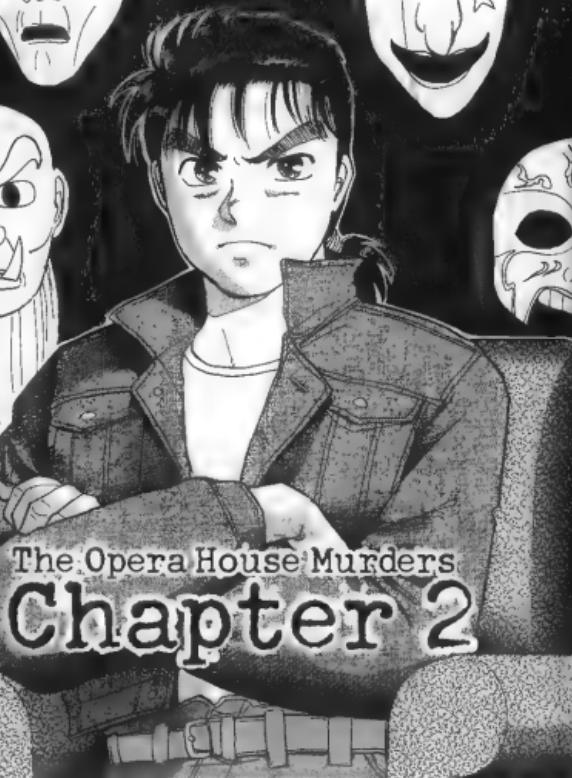
THE SUSPECTS:
ONLY THE TWELVE
GUESTS AND TWO
STAFF MEMBERS AT
THE HOTEL.

THE
FIRST
NIGHT AT
CAMP...

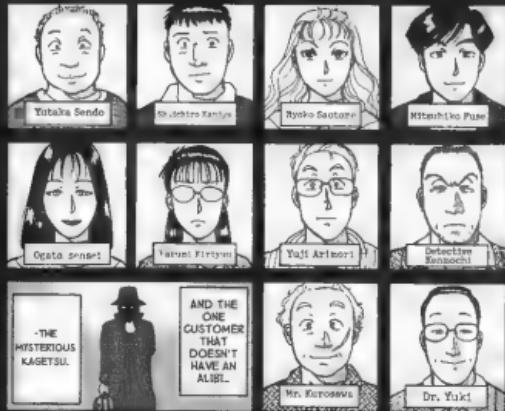
TRAGEDY
STRUCK AGAIN.
ORIE HIDAKA
WAS CRUSHED
BY A FALLEN
LIGHT.



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- THE
MYSTERIOUS
KAGETSU

AND THE
ONE
CUSTOMER
THAT
DON'T HAVE
AN
ALIBI...

NO ONE HAD
HEARD FROM
HIM SINCE .
SAVE FOR
A SINISTER
MESSAGE IN
HIS ROOM.

KAGETSU HAD
HIDDEN HIS FACE
WITH BANDAGES
WHEN HE
ARRIVED.

--STRANDED
ON THIS
ISLAND WITH
A MURDERER!

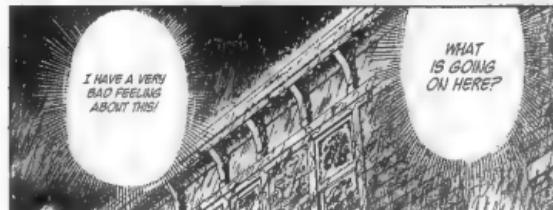
NOW,
WE ARE
STRANDED
ON THIS
ISLAND--







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WITH A
THIN WIRE
MAKING A
CREAKING NOISE
AS IT SWAYED
IN THE WIND.



CREAK

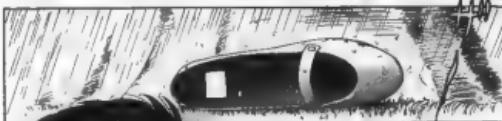
CREAK

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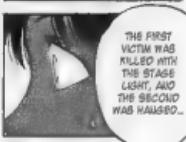














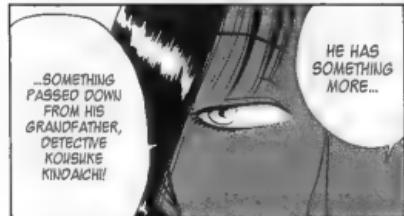
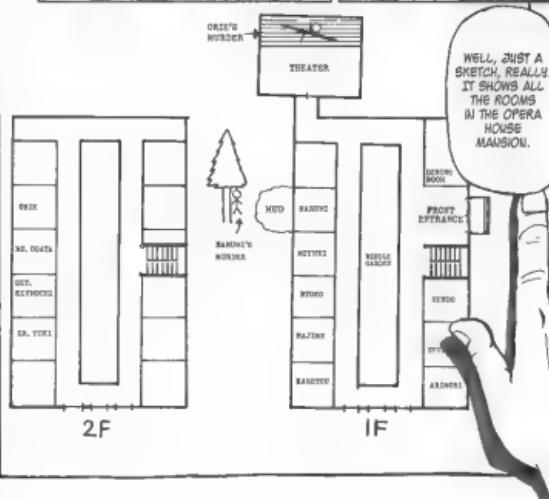




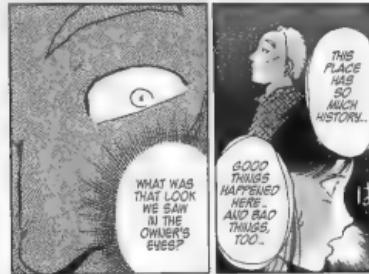


THE AVERAGE IQ IS A LITTLE ABOVE 100. SO BASICALLY, YOUR FRIEND HAS SOME SMARTS.









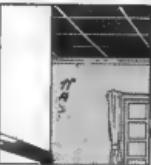


THERE IS
SOMETHING
THAT HAS BEEN
BUGGING ME.

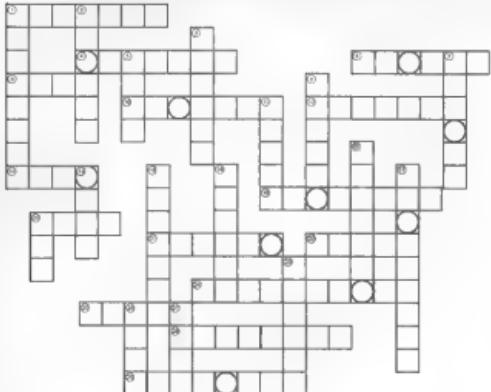


OUT THIS
WINDOW--THAT
STONE MONUMENT
ON THE HILL--





The Kindaichi Crossword



Across—

- 1) during dinner, Dr. Yuki eats with a(n) _____.
- 4) To inflict punishment in response for a previous injury.
- 9) _____ hid her onstage beauty behind glasses.
- 12) Hikaru Kindaichi attends _____ Private High School.
- 13) The Drama Club is rehearsing in order to compete in a(n) _____.
- 17) Kagetsu is the lead _____ in the "Opera House Murders."
- 18) A project handled by a detective is called a _____.
- 19) The "Kindaichi Case File" are published in Japan by _____.
- 20) The trademark of the Phantom of the Opera.
- 21) Another word for a detective.
- 22) All of the students have a(n) _____ because they were at dinner during the first murderer.
- 24) Ogata is killed by a falling _____.
- 25) "Burn in the _____ of Hell."
- 26) Fumi brings a(n) _____ to use as a prop.
- 29) Hajime is looking for the real _____.

Down—

- 1) Puise's face was burnt by _____ acid.
- 2) Author of the "Phantom of the Opera."
- 3) The "locked-room" murder mystery is a favorite convention of writer _____ Christie.
- 5) Wicked or evil conduct or behavior.
- 7) In order to prove guilt, a detective must determine _____.
- 8) The Opera House Hotel is located on a(n) _____.
- 11) Hajime recognized that Puise was using _____ cards.
- 13) The method of killing in the second murder appears to be _____.
- 15) Yuki tells Hajime that sound effect work will be _____.
- 16) To come to a conclusion through process of elimination.
- 17) The lead character in "Phantom of the Opera."
- 18) Hajime's famous grandfather is _____ Kindaichi.
- 20) When Harumi's body is found, there is only one set of footprints in the _____.
- 23) The musical version of "Phantom of the Opera" was written by Andrew Lloyd _____.
- 26) Misaki's _____ is directly below Ogata-sensei's.
- 27) Mr. Kurusawa has a _____ on his face.

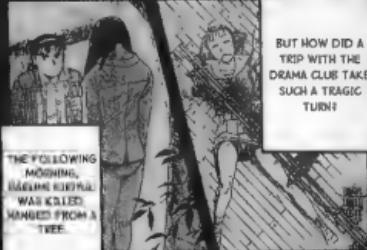
Unscramble the circled letters to discover the truth about Kagetsu!

(Solution at the back of the book)



ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE TRAINING CAMP, ORIE HIDAKA WAS MURDERED--CRUSHED UNDERNEATH FALLING STAGE LIGHTS.

CURRENTLY, ISOLATED ON THE ISLAND, THERE ARE THE OWNER OF THE RESORT, HIS TWO STAFF MEMBERS, AND 11 GUESTS, INCLUDING MIYUKI AND MYSELF.



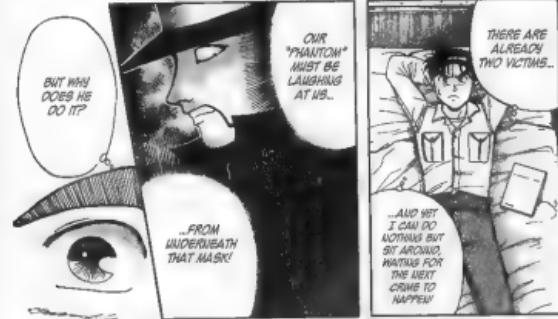
AND THE MYSTERIOUS MR. KAGETSU, THE MAIN SUSPECT.



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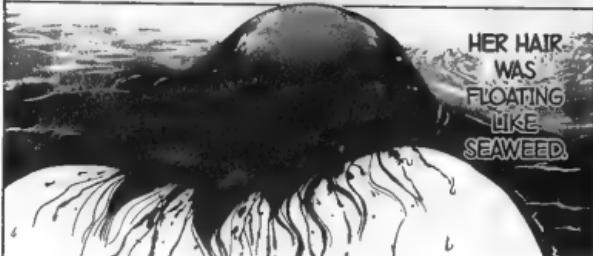
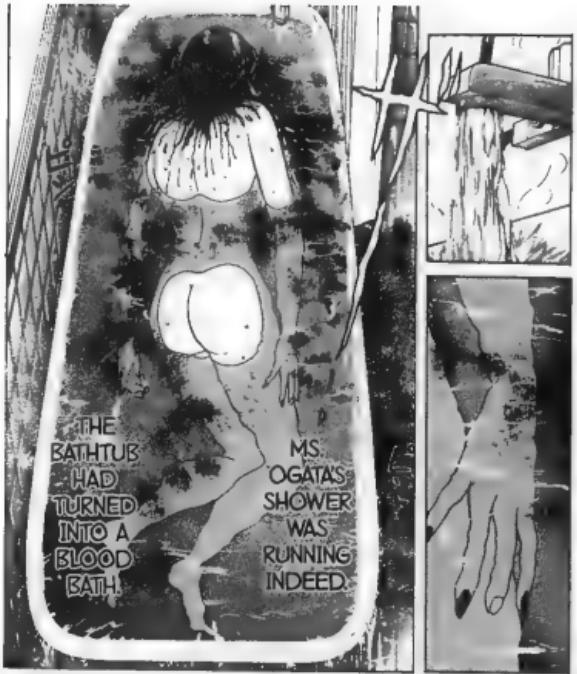
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HAJIME KINDAICHI
FUDO PRIVATE
SCHOOL,
11TH GRADE.

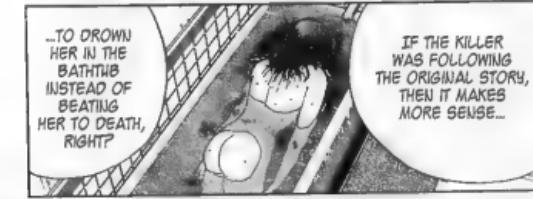






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IF SHE GREW
HER NAILS, SHE
COULD NOT PLAY
THE PIANO. SO SHE
USED REMOVABLE
FAKE NAILS.

OGATA-
SENSEI WAS
A MUSIC
TEACHER.

I'M
GETTING
TO IT!!

WHAT DOES
THAT HAVE TO
DO WITH
ANYTHING?

THAT'S
TRUE!

WHY WOULD
SHE TAKE A
BATH WITHOUT
TAKING OFF HER
FAKE NAILS?

THIS
BATHROOM
IS JUST
A SET-UP.

LOOK
AT OGATA-
SENSEI'S MIDDLE
FINGER
ON HER
RIGHT HAND.

WHAT?

BUT BECAUSE HE
WAS IN A HURRY,
THAT CALM MAN
MADE A MISTAKE
THIS TIME!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
KINDAICHI?

A
MISTAKE?

HER NAIL
IS GONE!

IT WAS A
FAKE NAIL.

INSTEAD OF
GROWING YOUR
REAL NAIL,
YOU PUT ON A
PLASTIC ONE.

FAKE
NAIL?







...PLAY THE
ROLE OF
CHRISTINE
TONIGHT.
OTHERWISE
YOU WILL BE
CURSED!

play
tonig

...A LETTER
FROM THE
PHANTOM!

Let Fuyuko Tsukishima
play the role of Christine
tonight.
Otherwise you will be
cursed!

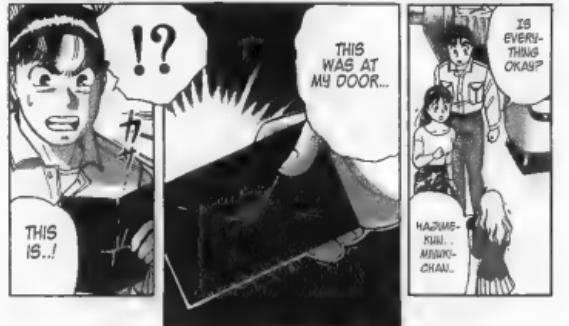
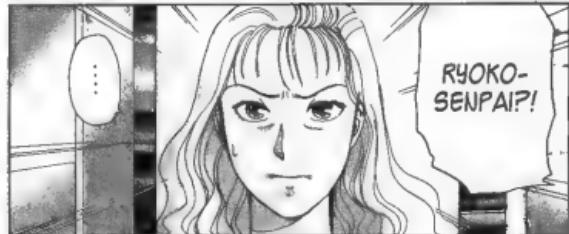
--The Phantom
of the Opera

IT
MENTIONS
FUYUKO
TSUKISHIMA!

BUT HOW
DID KAGETSU
KNOW ABOUT
RYOKO-SAN?

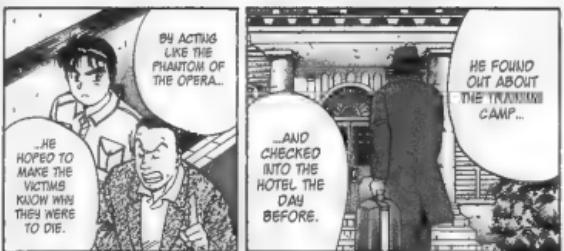
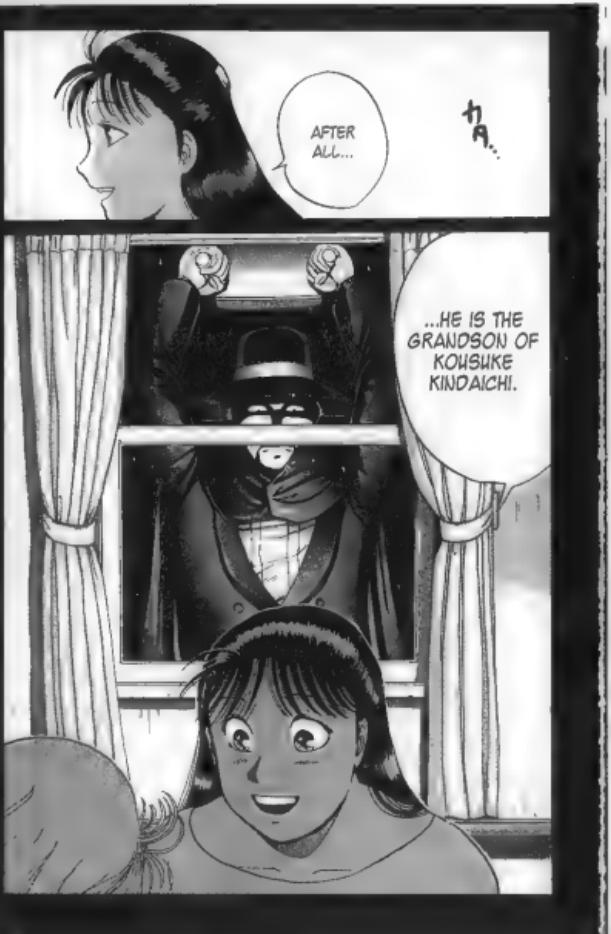
THE PHANTOM
GIVES THE
SAME ONE
TO THE
OPERA
MANAGER IN
THE PLAY!

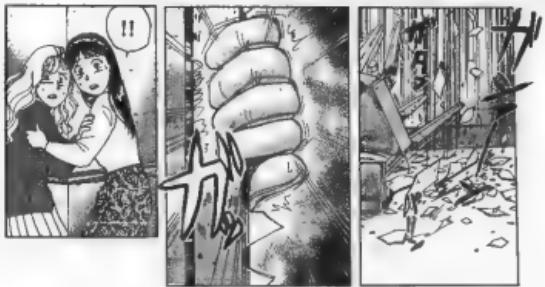
THIS
LETTER





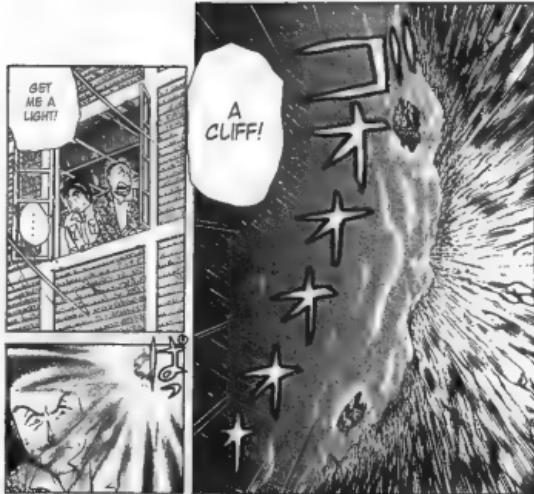














THEN, A
STORM CUT
US OFF
FROM THE
MAINLAND.

I CAME TO THE
OPERA HOTEL FOR
THE DRAMA CLUB'S
TRAINING CAMP.

MY NAME IS
SHIGE
KINDAICHI

AND THEN THE
MURDERS BEGAN.
THREE MEMBERS OF
THE CLUB, KILLED
ONE AFTER
ANOTHER!

HIS MASK LEFT
FLOATING IN
THE OCEAN.

BUT THEN,
IT SEEMS,
HE DIS-
APPEARED.

WE CHASED THE
SUSPECT, THE
MYSTERIOUS
"KAGETSU," DOWN
A HALLWAY.

OR
IS HE
ALIVE?

THE KILLER
IS STILL
AMONG US!

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BUT DID
KAGETSU
REALLY FALL
FROM THE
CLIFF AND
DIE?

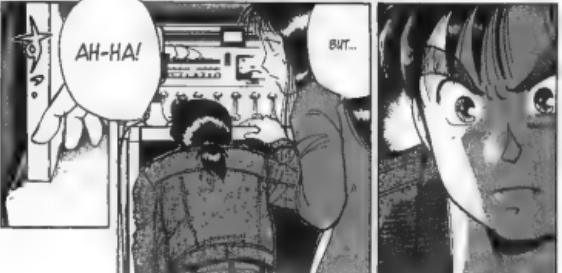
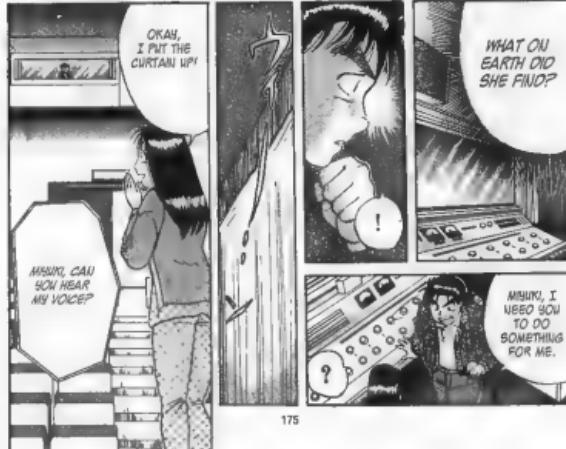




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THE
MURDERER
IS HERE!

AND, IN
A MOMENT,
HE WILL
REVEAL
HIMSELF!

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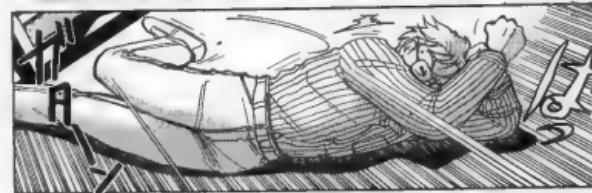
JUST
STAY
STILL!!

WAIT,
DON'T
MOVE!!!

...THE
MURDERER
WILL
SURRENDER!

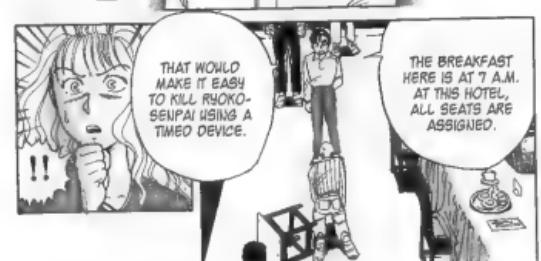
WHEN
THE TIME
COMES
...



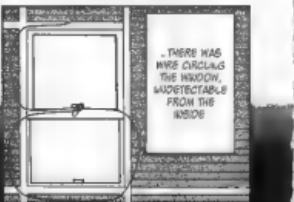


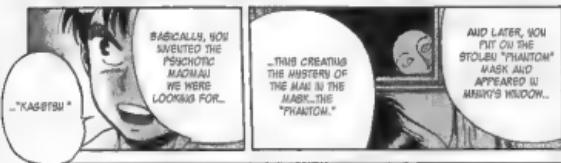


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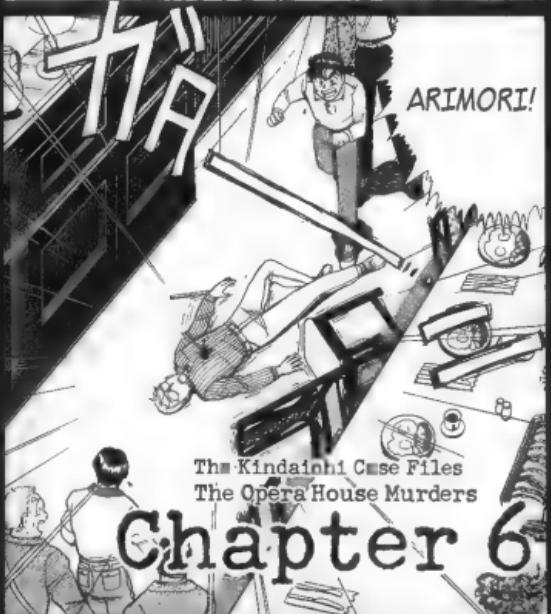
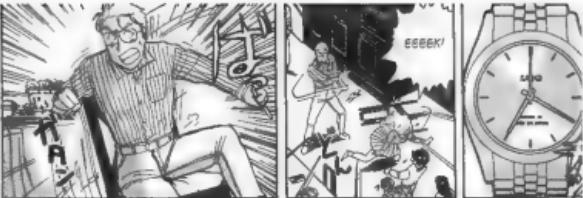


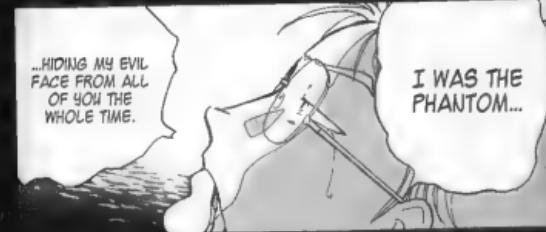












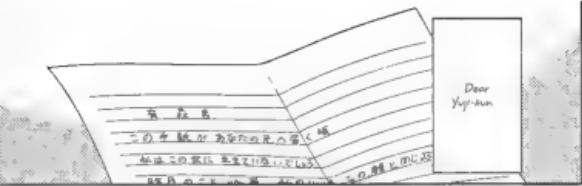
ARIMORI!!!

















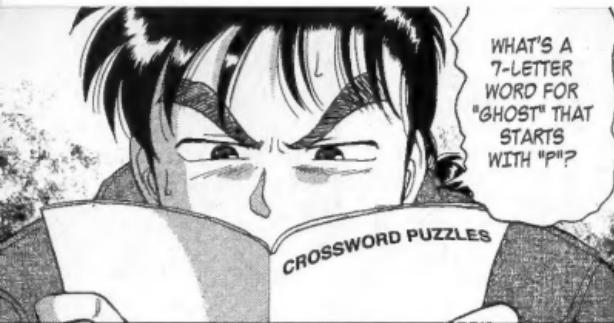
LOOK WHAT THE
CAT DRAGGED IN!
WHEN MURDER MOST
FOUL STRIKES THE
WEALTHY RESIDENTS
OF ROKAKU VILLAGE,
HAJIME KINDAICHI
TAKES THE CASE!
COME BACK NEXT
TIME FOR THE
KINDAICHI
CASE FILES:
**THE MUMMY'S
CURSE!**
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My heart was
pounding...
But not because
I felt bad
about fleaking...

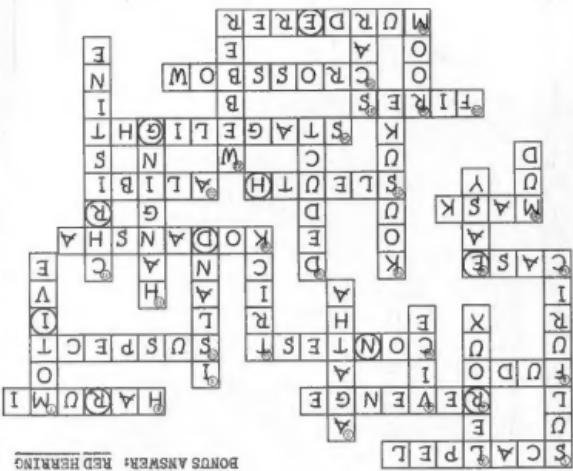
That day...
for the first time
in my life,
I skipped school.





WHAT'S A
7-LETTER
WORD FOR
"GHOST" THAT
STARTS
WITH "P"?

KINDAICHI CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS



BONDS ANSWER: RED HERRING



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Hajime Kindaichi is your classic underachiever—always falling asleep in class, never doing his homework—it's no wonder everyone thinks he's a loser. It seems like his only friend is Miyuki, the girl-next-door. Ignoring her classmates' complaints, she invites Kindaichi to the Drama Club's weekend rehearsal for "Phantom of the Opera"—after all, someone's got to do the stagehand grunt work. The production gets off to a shaky start, but when cast members start dying in ways mimicking events in the play, things get downright grisly. While everyone worries about being snuffed out, this is young Kindaichi's moment to shine. With his amazing deductive reasoning and the ability to keep his cool in the face of death, he's a regular Sherlock Holmes. Now the class slacker must put on a class-act investigation before the "Phantom" strikes again!



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AGE 13+